IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHRISTOPHER BURLESON., Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

PELHAM TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION and THEODORE DEJOURNETTE, JR.,

Defendants.

Case Number: 1:22-cv-00816-LCB-JEP Collective Action

Joint Status Report and Joint Motion to Set Briefing Schedule

The Parties have reached a settlement agreement to resolve this litigation, subject to this Court's approval pursuant to 216(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. However, the Parties are still working on reducing their settlement agreement to writing. The Parties expect to reach a final executed written settlement agreement in the coming weeks.

To allow them adequate time to reach an executed written settlement agreement, the Parties request that this Court set a deadline of October 9, 2023, for the filing of a motion and brief requesting that this Court approve their settlement agreement.

A proposed order granting this relief has been submitted herewith.

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Dated: September 14, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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